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THERE ARE MANSIONS IN YOUR EYES

I.

There are mansions in your eyes.
i can see the doors
and the hinges sing lyrics by Garfunkle
voiced by Bob Dylan
say
“Baby I want you”
but i back down the sidewalk
‘cause mansions can never be full unless
 they hold nothing
and girl
your eyes are overflowing.

II.

There are doves in your heart.
i can hear them rustle
pecking at breadcrumbs that strangers
 throw at them
and they shouldn't be strangers
but you let them in without
 asking their names
and now they move through like they
 have somewhere to be
that is better than where they are.
and all that they leave are the bread-
 crumbs for pigeons
who trade nothing but bird shit
and the distant memory
of something not beautiful
yet not ugly.

III.

There are rainbows in your ribcage.
i long for them to appear
after a devastating storm.
gentle arches high above
freeways of water where houses should be.
giving victims exposed-beauty to curse
as they stare at the sky
to avert their gaze from the ruins of life
never gained
but still lost.

IV.

There are sewers in your arms.
i can smell the rats
as i watch the forgotten sparkle
of a long-lost diamond ring
that floats down the vicodin
flavored river
supposedly patrolled by the giant
mutated pets flushed away
by children who got bored
with them.

V.

There are tears in your tears.

VI .

There are prisons in your fingers.
i can feel the cold bars
as i squeeze them too tightly
not daring to speak
but yelling for someone to save me
cause I am wrongly imprisoned and
 serving 20 to life
all for sticking around after everyone ran
just to make sure that you would be safe.
this is a bad place
and i wanted to save you.

VII .

There are supermodels in your smile.
i know they are fake
and show only the surface
like they don't want me to know that
 they hoard hostess twinkies
secretly stashed where they think
 no one can see them
and i go along with the lie
just to see them walk by me
cause i love knowing
that they still want to show me
everything that they are not
and what i would never want them to be.